

We claim:

1. A fuel tank cover assembly for a fuel tank having a fill tube projecting therefrom and a fuel cap for covering an open end of the fill tube, the cover assembly comprising:

a mounting member mounted on and receiving an end of the fill tube, the mounting member having a first lockable part; and

a cover member releasably attachable to the mounting member, the cover member having a housing and a second lockable part, the cover member being movable to a locking position wherein the housing prevents access to the fuel cap and wherein the first and second parts can be secured together by a lock.

2. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 1, wherein:

a funnel member is fixed to the open end of the filler tube, and the mounting member is attached to an exterior surface of the funnel.

3. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 2, wherein:

one of the funnel and mounting members has a plurality of recesses formed therein, and the other of the funnel and mounting members has a plurality of projections projecting therefrom, each of the recesses receiving a corresponding projection when the mounting member is attached to the funnel member.

4. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 1, wherein the mounting member comprises:

a hollow annular body; and

a plurality of spaced apart tabs projecting axially from a radially inner portion of the body, the tabs coupling the body to the fill tube.

5. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 4, wherein the mounting member comprises:

a first stub projecting generally radially outwardly from a side of the body; and

a second stub projecting generally radially outwardly from an opposite side of the body, the first stub having an aperture for pivotally receiving a flap which projects from the cover member, the second stub having an opening therein for receiving a lock.

6. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 1, wherein:

the cover member has a first tab projecting from one side thereof and the second lockable part comprising a second tab projecting from an opposite side thereof, the second tab having a slot extending therethrough; and

the ring member comprises a first stub projecting generally radially outwardly from a side of the body, a second stub projecting generally radially outwardly from an opposite side of the body and a flange projecting from the second stub, the flange having an opening therein, the first stub having an aperture for pivotally receiving the first tab, the slot being adapted to receive the flange, and the opening being adapted to receive a lock.

7. A fuel tank cover assembly for a fuel tank having a fill tube projecting therefrom and a fuel cap for covering an open end of the fill tube, the cover assembly comprising:

a mounting member attached to the funnel near its open end, the mounting member having first and second stubs projecting therefrom; and

a cover member releasably attachable to the mounting member, the cover member having a housing and first and second tabs projecting therefrom, the first tab being pivotally coupled to the first stub, and the cover member being movable to a locking position wherein the housing prevents access to the fuel cap and wherein the second tab and the second stub can be secured together by a lock.

8. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 7, wherein:

the second tab and the second stub having openings extending therethrough.

9. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 7, wherein:

a funnel member is fixed to the open end of the filler tube; and

the mounting member is attached to an exterior surface of the funnel.

10. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 9, wherein:

one of the funnel and mounting members has a plurality of recesses formed therein, and the other of the funnel and mounting members has a plurality of projections projecting therefrom, each of the recesses receiving a corresponding projection when the mounting member is attached to the funnel member.

11. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 7, wherein the mounting member comprises:
- a hollow annular body; and
  - a plurality of spaced apart tabs projecting axially from a radially inner portion of the body, the tabs coupling the body to the fill tube.
12. The fuel tank cover assembly of claim 11, wherein:
- the first and second stubs project generally radially outwardly from opposite sides of the body of the mounting member, the first stub having an aperture for pivotally receiving the first tab of the cover member, the second stub having an opening therein for receiving a lock.